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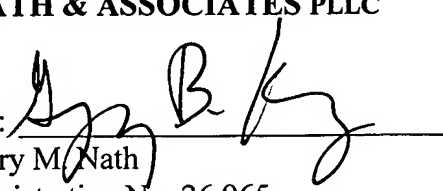
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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on March 8, 2002 and no communication has been received indicating action on the merits since that time. The undersigned attorney requests that status of the application and of the estimated date when a first Office Action on the merits may be mailed.

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